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The interesting notices of the Tayer family entries in the parish of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, communicated by WALTER FAXON, Esq., and EDWARD HENRY WHORF, Esq., published with an introduction and notes by HENRY ERNEST WOODS, A.M., in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, seem to be enough for trying the reconstitution or, at least, for conjecturing its spread.

I. Generation.—The first member of this family settled in Thornbury must be undoubtedly Joh[an]es or perhaps Wilihelmus Tayer, or Tawier, born in the beginnings of the XVI. century, married about 1520 to 1530, one of the twenty-six tenants of the Manor in 1550, died 11 February 1561[-2].

II. Generation.—Johanes Tayer or Tawier, a god-father 1565-6-7-8-9, married to Mary [ ] Tawier [after married Cooke] a godmother 1557-60-61-63-65.

Thomas Tayer, father of Johanes Tayer, born in 1558, a godfather, 1557-58-59-60-62-67. Married to

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Margarett [ ] Tawier a godmother 1560-63-64-74-83-86.

The buried entry of Mrs. Mary Tayer [after married Cooke] says: 20 April 1611. Mrs. Mary Cooke (*whose sister* [*sic*] *in law was Thomas Tawyer, who died in anno 1593*). In the burials of that year is only mentioned Margaret Tayer, possibly the wife of Thomas Tayer and to whom allude the entry quoted above. No other man of the surname Tayer appears in that time, thus it can be supposed that Thomas and John were brothers.

III. Generation.—It is likely that all the children born from 1558 to 1581 were sons of the foregoings. For to separate the two lines it has been made use of the facts that follow:

1st. Johanes Tayer, son *and heir* of Thomas Tayer born in 1558; that makes believe he was the primogenial of the said Thomas.

2nd. John Tayer's will, *son* of Mary Cooke and *brother* of Thomas Tayer.

3rd. Impossibility that some of those children were brothers between them, by example, Johanes, born 6 May, 1561, and Cuthberta, born 1st September, 1561; Thomas, born 8 February, 1563-4 and Johanes, born 28 February, 1563-4; Richardus, born 6 May, 1565, with William, born 1st November, 1564, and Alice 10 December, 1565; Thomas, born 12 February, 1569-70, with Lucy, born 23 September, 1568, or with Ann born 13 August, 1570.

4th. Repetition of certain surnames in their godfathers. Separated the two lines it appears in John's the following: Richard and Lucy *Baker*,

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Johanes, Johana, Eleonora *Barton*, Susan Birton, [Barton?], William Bruton [Barton?]; Richard and Joice Griffings; Johanes *Jones* (twice); Thomas and Johanes *Moore;* Humfridus and Elizabeth *Whitfield*, the same surnames are repeated afterwards in the baptisms of John's grandchildren, and yet in those of his great-grand children.

In Thomas's line: Richard *Wilcox*, three times; Agneta and Mary *Tawier*. It is not credible that this last was the godmother of her own child, whilst it is probable she has been it of a son of her brother-in-law.

Notwithstanding, it is not impossible it may have existed a third line, because it may be observed a very short time between the baptisms of John and Thomas 8 and 28 February, 1563-4, and those of Richard 2 August, 1562, or William, 1 November, 1564, which can be elucidated satisfactorily by that way, but as it has been said, there are not in the parish register of Thornbury any other man of this surname in that time, but the said Thomas and Johanes Tayer, failing, by consequence, the name of the primogenitor of this third line.

They had descendants: Thomas, Richard, John, and Edward Tayer, sons of John and Mary Tayer.

IV. Generation.—From this generation it is easy to know the children of each one: those of Thomas and John are enumerated in their own wills, adding only to the children of the last another two, died in the childhood.

Richard seems to have been married twice, the

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first time (1) to An, who died 10 November, 1590, and soon after to [Dimery?] Of this last were sons Thomas and Richard, who emigrated to New England, William and several others. To identify them it has been used the same means as for the former, and principally the three next entries:

Burial, 15 March, 1606-7, John Taire, son of Richard Taire.

Baptism, 15 March 1607-8, Agnes Taire, the daughter of Richard Taire.

Burial, 12 October, 1610, John Taire, son of Richard Taire.

Edward Tayer had also several children (2), but in his widow's will, dated 1656, are only mentioned two of them: John, and Anne, married to William Barton.

V. Generation.—A mistake in this generation is difficult. The children of Thomas and Richard are known in a great part, and also those of John, mentioned in the will of Sara [Mallett] Tayer, his widow, the others are of William, who married, 1625-6, to Mary Kelloway, whose relatives are named in six of her children's baptisms (3).

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(1) This marriage is uncertain, but the error should be without significance because the four daughters born of it, died in the childhood or unmarried.

(2) Baptisms, 15 January, 1609-10, Thomas Tawyer, son of Edward Tawyer. Burial 11 February, 1609-10. Thomas Taire, son of Edward Taire.

(3) They are doubtful: Elizabeth, daughter of Richard, born 1627, and Mary, daughter of Thomas, born 1630, because both are neither mentioned in the burials of Thornbury until 1645, nor in any record of New England, so far as known.

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Any errors that may have suffered the anterior calculations, it seems established that the Tayer family of Thornbury is not prior to the 16th century. It is easy to suppose, consequently, that it shall proceed from the other family of this name that appears to be settled at Brockworth at least in the middle of the former century. In fact, though the oldest records that are known are later to 1541, they are enough to believe it so.

The first one is the will of Thomas Theyer *the elder*, dated 31 July, 1542, proved in 1543. Married twice: to and to Agnes, having of this last John, a minor in that year. No other children are mentioned neither in his own will nor in his wife's, dated 11 June, 1547. Nevertheless, that should not prove he should have no others, because in many wills of that age are only mentioned the heirs and legatees, omitting the others.

Will of Joan Theyer, widow (*a sister-in-law of the aforegoing?*) dated 19 March, 1545, proved 1546. Bequeaths to Robert, the elder, and to Robert, the younger (*her grand children?*) sons of John Theyer (*her son?*); to Joan (*her granddaughter?*), daughter of William Theyre, of Hucclecote (*her son?*) £ 6. Residue to son Thomas Theyer (*the younger?*).

Will of Walter Thayer, of Churchdown (*son of Joan?*) dated 11 August, 1558, proved the same year, he mentions William Theyer of Hucclecote (*his brother?*). Children: John, named in William Theyer's will, of Hucclecote (*his uncle?*); Margery, mentioned in Margery Theyer's will, the wife of Thomas Theyer, of Brockworth (*her uncle?*) and others.—

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Grandchildren: John, born 1561, and several others.

John Theyer, of Brockworth. Will dated April 1561. Named in Joan Theyer's will (*his mother?*). Godfather of John (*his nephew?*) son of Walter Thayer, of Churchdown. Children: Robert the elder and Robert the younger, mentioned in Joan Theyer's will 1545 (*their grandmother?*). Grandchildren: Elizabeth, born *1560*, and others.

William Theyer, of Hucclecote, will dated, 1571. Mentioned: in Joan Theyer's will (*her mother?*); in the will of Walter Thayer, of Churchdown (*his brother?*). He names John Theyer (*his nephew?*), son of the aforesaid Walter. Children: John, godson of John Theyer, of Brockworth (*his uncle?*); Joan, mentioned in Joan Theyer's will (*her grandmother?*); Katherine, mentioned in Katherine Thaire's will, 1568, the widow of Walter Thayer, of Churchdown (*her uncle?*), married to Richard Wost, who is named in the will of John Thayer, of Churchdown (*his cousin?*).

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Thomas Theyer (the younger in 1542?). Will dated 16 November, 1583. Mentioned in his mother's will, 1545. Margery Thayer, his wife, in her will names Margery Thayre, daughter of Walter Thayer, of Churchdown (*brother of the said Thomas?*).

These four last are coetaneous with the founder of the family of Thornbury (the births of their grandchildren begin 1558 in Thornbury, and about 1560 those of Walter and John in Churchdown and Brockworth). Supposing that all were brothers and sons of Joan Theyer, or only germain cousins, the primogenitor of this family should be the father of

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Thomas Theyer the elder, who should live in the second middle of the 15th century, but if this assumption were inexact, the origin of this family must be sought farther yet.

The root of the family name from "Taw" is likely attending to the early spelling of the name at Thornbury, but in the lines of Brockworth, Hucclecote, Churchdown, and others, the letter "h" was never silent (1), thus the omission must be considered as a peculiarity of those of Thornbury, and the names Theyer, Theyre and Thayer (2) being the most usual, as it can be seen in the next table (3), forms that is very difficult to derive from the root "taw."

(1) Nevertheless, it has not been made a special research with regard to the existence of the name "Tawier," in Brockworth in the 16th century, and that should be very interesting.

(2) The name Theyre prevails in the parrochial registers, Theyer in wills, and also, afterwards, Thayer in both sources.

(3) Numbers giving the times are cited each name.

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YEARS	BROCKWORTH	HUCCLECOTE
1542	Theyer (1)	....
1545–1547	Theyer (7) Theyre (1)	..... Theyre (2)
1550–1560	Theyer (1)	....
1558–1568	Theyer (4) Theyre (8)	Theyer (3) .....
1568–1574	..... Theyre (2)	Theyer (2) Theier (1) THAYER (1) .....
1574–1576	..... Theyre (2)	....
1576–1593	Theyer (6) Theyre (10) Theire (1)	....
1592–1606	Theyer (3) Theyre (7) THAYER (5) Thyre (2)	....
1605–1610	Theyer (1) Theyre (4) THAYER (2)	....
1610–1630	Theyer (16) Thaier (1) THAYER (6) Thayre (1)	Theyer (1) Theyre (2) ....
1630–1650	Theyer (15) Theire (2) THAYER (6) Theier (1)	Theyer (1) Theyre (2) ....
1650–1673	....	....

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THORNBURY	CHURCHDOWN	WAPLEY, WITTINGTON, SANDHURST, STINCHCOMBE, FROCESTER AND OTHERS
....	....	....
....	....	....
Tayer (14) Tawer (1)	....	....
Tayer (8) Tawier (31)	THAYER (1)	....
..... Tawier (5) ..... Tawyer (2)	Theyer (1) Thewer (1) Theier (3) Thaire (1)	....
Tayer (1) Tawier (2)	THAYER (3)	Theyer (2) Their (1)
Tayer (15) Tawier (16) Tayar (1) ..... Taire (1) Tawyer (3)	....	....
Tayer (32) Tawyer (7) Tayre (3)	Theyer (2) Theyre (14)	Theyer (2) THAYER (3) ....
Tayer (6) Tawyer (5) Taire (16) Tayre (5)	..... Theyre (2)	Theyer (2) ....
Tayer (120) Tawyer (18)	Theyer (4) Theyre (21)	Theyer (3) THAYER (5) Thayre (1) .....
Tayer (56) Tawyer (2)	Theyer (3) Theyre (5) THAYER (2)	Theyer (3) THAYER (7) ..... Thayr (1)
Tayer (14) THAYER in New England.	Theyer (2) Theyre (2)	..... THAYER (1)

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The earliest mention of the name of Tayer in Thornbury is one of the twenty-six tenants who made presentment of the customs of the Manor in 1550. The circumstance that he signed with his surname makes believe he was the only one of that family settled there. It is probable this may be Joh[an]es Tawier, died 11 February, 1561-2. It is also presumable he was married to Constans or Johana Tawier (1), both died 19 March, 1561-2, and 4 May, 1576, respectively, and that their children were:

died

1) Willihelmus Tawier, 11 February, 1561, the same day of his father's death.

2) Jone Tawier married to Thomas Jamys 15 November, 1553.

3) Johanes Tawier married before 1557 to Mary [ ] Tawier.

4) Thomas Tawier or Tayer, married prior to 1558 to Margaret [ ] Tawier or Tayer.

5) Constans Tawier married to Thomas Holdbrook, 19 February, 1560-1.

6) Agneta Tawier or Tayer. A godmother 1560; she died unmarried 5 May, 1571.

7) Alice Tawier or Tayer. A godmother, 1566, 1567; † 13 December 1586.

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(1) Can these burial entries refer to his daughters Constans [Tawier), Holdbrook and Jone [Tawier] Jamys or shall they be of two sisters of him?

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II.

Johanes Tawier or Tayer, third child of Joh[an]es Tawier, married to Mary[ ] Tawier; a godfather 1565, 1567, 1568, 1569; † 12 October 1584.

His widow married again to [ ] Cooke, and died 20 April, 1611. Children are:

1) Joh[an]es Tayer, born 4 January, 1557-8. Godfathers: Johanes Williams, Johanes Tyther. Godmother: Elizabeth Cooke. † 21 August 1558.

2) Thomas Tawier, born 7 November 1559. Godfathers: Thomas *Moore*, Johanes *Barton*. Godmother: Elizabeth *Whitfield*.

3) Johanes Tawier, born 6 May, 1561. Godfathers: Johanes Roocs, Richardus *Baker*. Godmother: Margaretta Wallis. No other record.

4) Richardus [Richard] Tawier, born 2 August, 1562. Godfathers: Richardus Cheyre, Walter Howks. Godmother: Elizabeth *Picher*.

5) Johanes Tawier, born 28 February, 1563-4. Godfathers: Johannes *Moore*, Humfridus *Whitfield*, Godmother: Eleonora *Barton*.

6) Wilihelmus Tawier, born 1 November, 1564. Godfathers: William Bruton [*Barton?*], Johannes *Jonis*. Godmother: Joyce *Griffings*. † 13 January, 1565.

7) Alice Tawier, born 16 December. 1565. Godfather: Richard *Griffing*. Godmothers: Alicia D[ ]rnt; Elizabeth Howell, married to Thomas Tilladam, 30 April or 3 May, 1597.

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8) Ussly Tawier (1). A godmother, 1590, married to William Pytcher 4 November, 1599.

9) Lucy Tawier, born 23 September, 1568. Godfather: Johanes Driver. Godmothers: Lucy *Baker*, Catherina *Rippe*. A godmother 1636; † 9 February, 1642-3, unmarried.

10) Anna Tawier, born 13 August 1570. Godfather: Thomas Marten. Godmothers: Agneta Ady, Alice Lawrence. No other notice.

11) William Tawyer, 22 March, 1572-3. Godfathers: Robert Eslineton, Johanes *Jonis*. Godmother: Johana *Bartone*. † 20 November 1572.

12) Nicholas Tawier, 25 January, 1573-4. Godfathers: Nicholas Adams, Thomas Holdbrook. Godmother: Johana Tocker. Married to Jone Stone 15 October, 1599. No children in the parish register of Thornbury. He lived 1632.

13) Edward Tawier, born 26 October, 1577.

14) Ursula Tawier, born 25 April, 1599. † 18 May, 1634, unmarried.

15) Anthony Tawier, born 6 January 1581-2; † 16 August, 1587.

Thomas Tawier or Tayer, fourth child of Joh[an]es Tawier or Tayer, married to Margaret Tawier, and died 17 March, 1573.

Margaret Tawier † 26 April, 1593.

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(1) No date of her birth.

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Children are:

1) Johanes Tayer, born 15 October, 1558. Godfather: William Merick, Henricus Lydat. Godmother: Jone Rede.

2) Margareta Tawier, born 13 October, 1560. Godfather: Willhelmus Mawle. Godmother: Margareta Busher., *Agneta Tayer* (her aunt?)

3) Cuthberta Tawier, born 1 September, 1561. Godfather: Thomas Pullen [*Purlen?*]. Godmothers: Susan Birton [*Barton?*].

4) Thomas Tawier, born 8 February, 1563-4. Godfathers: Thomas Search, Thomas *Moore*. Godmother: Margaret Floyde. † 6 March, 1565-6.

5) Richard Tawier, born 6 May, 1565, Godfathers: *Richardus Wilcox*, Merricus———. Godmother: Mary *Tawier* (the wife of John Tawier).

6) Secillia Tawier, born 20 December, 1567. Godfather: *Richard Wilcox*. Godmothers: Secilia White, Catherine Ripe. † 4 July, 1579.

7) Thomas Tawyer, born 12 February, 1569-70. Godfathers: *Richard Wilkokes*, Thomas Stevens. Godmother: Isabella Fowler.

It seems that the family of Thomas and Margaret Tayer went out of the manor of Thornbury, because no record is found of their marriages or burials in the parish registers, neither their wills or any other references to them.

III.

Thomas Tawyer, second child of John Tawier and Mary Tawier married to An [Carle?] Tawyer.

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† 3 March, 1623. His will dated 13 February, 1622; proved 20 May, 1623. An [Carle?] Tawyer † 16 March, 1642-3.

Children:

1) Thomas Tawier, born 7 March, 1589-90. Godfathers: *John Tawier* (his uncle), William Williams. Godmother: *Ussly Tawier* (his aunt?), † 23 May, 1632.

2) Elinor Tawier, 4 December, 1591. Godfather: John Comely. Godmothers: Elinor *Carle* (~~his~~ aunt?), Jone Tawier (the wife of John Tawier, ~~his~~ uncle). Married to Thomas Badmanton 14 November, 1614; second husband Thomas Smith. her

3) Ferdinand Tawier, born 1 March, 1597-8. Godfathers: John *Carle* (his uncle?), Thomas Porkwood (gentl.). Godmother: Ann Thurston. † 19 January, 1642-3.

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Richardus (Richard) Tawier or Tayer, fourth child of Johanes and Mary Tawier, married to An [ ].

Children:

1) Catherine Tawier, born 24 June, 1586. Godfather: Thomas Tawier (her uncle). Godmothers: Catherine Rippe, Susannah *Jones*. † 11 September, 1586.

2) Alice Tawyer, 23 October, 1587. Godfather: Thomas *Jones*. Godmother: Alice *Joanes*. † 15 November, 1612.

3) Margaret Tawier, born 23 December, 1589.

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Godfather: Thomas *Gibbs*. Godmothers: Margaret *Griffing*, Mary Werryat. † 18 June, 1603.

4) An Tawier, born 10 November, 1590; † the same day. Godfather: Richard Pullen [*Purlen?*] Godmothers. Sicely *Jones*, Margaret *Griffings*.

An [*Gibbs?*] Tawier died also 10 November, 1590.

Richard Tawier married second time to [*Dimery?*] and he lived yet 1625.

Children:

5) Joane Tawier, born January, 1592-3. Godfather: Thomas *Holdbrooke*. Godmothers: Joane *Barton*, Margery *Dimery*. † 5 February, 1592-3.

6) John Tayer, born 17 April, 1593. Godfathers: John Tayer (his uncle.) Richard *Dimery*. Godmother: Als Tayer (~~her~~ his aunt). † 15 May, 1606-7.

7) Mary Tayer, born 1 March, 1595-6. Godfather: Thomas *Holdbrook*. Godmothers: Als Hilpe, Agnes *Jones*. Unmarried 1636.

8) Thomas Tayer, born 16 August, 1596. Godfathers: Thomas *Gibbs*, William *Dimery*.

9) Wilfry Tayer, born 1 January, 1599-1600. Godfathers: Wilfrey *Waker*, Roberto *Smith*. Godmother: Joice *Griffing*. † 12 June, 1622.

10) Richard Tayer, born 5 April, 1601. Godfathers: Richard *Dimery*, Nicholas Tayer (his uncle). Godmother: Elizabeth *Griffing*.

11) Catherine Tayer, born 24 February, 1603-4. Godfather: Thomas *Dimery*. Godmothers: Catherine Russell, Gylian (?) *Smith*. Married to John Dawnee 4 July, 1631.

12) William Tayer, born 5 May, 1605. God-

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fathers: William Coke (1). John *Walker*. Godmother: Jone Taire (The widow of John Tayer, his uncle.)

13) Margaret Tayre, born 10 June, 1606. Godfather: John West. Godmothers: Jane *Walker*, Joice *Griffing*. Unmarried 1632.

14) Agnes Taire, born 15 March, 1607-8. Godfather: Nicholas Barly. Godmothers: Agnis Grainge, Jone *Walker*.

15) John Taire, born 29 April, 1610. Godfather: John Clark. Godmother: [*erased*] Taire. † 12 October, 1610.

16) John Tayer, born 26 December, 1611. God fathers: John *Whitfield*. John Stevens. Godmother: Johane Patche. † 20 February, 1627-8.

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John Tayer, fifth child of Johanes and Mary Tawier. Married to Jone or Joan Lawrence, 3 August, 1589. His will dated 31 December, 1600, proved March, 1601. Buried 1 January, 1601. His widow lived 1611.

Children:

1) Jone Tayer, born 22 October, 1590. Godfather: Richard Pullen [*Purlen?*] Jane Tyler, Jone Gibbs.

2) John Tawier, born 26 December, 1591. Godfathers: John Lyilyn, James *Lawrence*, Godmother: Ann Watson.

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(1) Mary [ ] Tawier, the widow of Johanes Tawier, married to [ ] Cooke.

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3) Tomas Tayer, born 21 January, 1594-5. Godfathers: Thomas Tayer, (his uncle), Thomas Shurman. Godmothers: Edy Midleton. † 14 February, 1594-5.

4) Alice Tayer, she lived in 1635.

5) Agnes Tayer. A godmother 1610-1617.

6) Evelyn (?) [Ellyne]. A godmother 1607-1612.

The descen~~dance~~ of John and Jone [Lawrence] Tayer's children is unknown.

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Edward Tayer or Tawier, the thirteenth child of Joanes and Mary [ ] Tawier, married to Katherine [Eddys] Tayer of Kington in the parish of Thornbury, a daughter of James Eddys. † 5 November, 1627.

His widow's will, dated 21 January, 1656, proved 26 June, 1658.

Children are:

1) Judith Tayer, born 13 August, 1597. Godfather: Edmond *Pytcher*. Godmothers: An Tayer (the wife of Thomas Tayer) Judith Stones. She lived in 1619.

2) John Tayer, born 13 August, 1598. Godfather: John Tayer (his uncle), Nicholas Baker (1). Godmother: Jone Wither.

3) Sicely Tayer, born 1 May, 1600. Godfather: Thomas *Pytcher*. Godmothers: Als Hilpe, Mary

(1) Catharine [Eddys] Tayer, was a kinswoman of John Baker, gentleman, who had many children.

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Tratman. Married, at Gloucester, to James Davisse 11 June, 1618.

4) Thomas Tayre, born 21 August, 1603. Godfathers: Thomas Tayer (his uncle), Richard *Wytheed.* † 11 February 1609-10.

5) Elizabeth Tayre, born 21 August, 1603. Godfather: Nicholas Purnell. Godmother: Sisly *Wycksteed.*

6) Thomas Tawyer, born 15 January, 1609-10. Godfather: Thomas Tawyer (his uncle), James Eddis (his grandfather). Godmother: Elizabeth Wilcox.

7) Anna Tayer, born 23 June, 1611. Godfather: William Gwatkins, Godmother: Anne Breadston, Joice [*Griffings?*] Haris. Married to William Barton 27 January, 1630-1.

8) John Tawyer (1) (the younger?) born 14 November, 1614. Godfathers: James Eddys (his grandfather), Richard *Wicksteed.* Godmother: Agnes Ganner.

In the will of Katherine [Eddys] Tayer are only mentioned as heirs John Tayer and her sister Anne (Tayer) Barton.

IV.

Thomas Tayer, the eighth child of Richard Tayer and ——— [Dimery?] Tayer married 13 April, 1618, to Margerie Wheeller a daughter of

(1) That was frequent in that time. In the family of Brockworth were brothers: John Theyer, the elder, and John Theyer, the younger; Robert Theyre or Theyer the elder, and Robert Theyre, the younger, and others.

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Abell Wheler of Thornbury and Jane [Tayer?] Wheller (1). He was in Boston, Mass., before 24 February 1639-40. Settled at Mount Wollaston (afterwards Braintree) Mass., where he died 2 June, 1665. Will dated 21 June, 1664.

Children:

1) Ursula Tayer, born 18 November, 1619. Godfather: Gyles Wheeler (her uncle). Godmothers: Ursula Tayer (her father's aunt), Secilly [Tayer] Davis (her father's cousin). † 13 December, 1619.

2) Welfrey Tayer, born 20 May, 1621. Godfathers: Welfrey Tayer (his uncle), John Bayne [or Boice]. Godmother: Katherine Hurd. † 10 July, 1621.

3) Thomas Tayer, born 15 September, 1622. Godfathers: Thomas Budden, Richard Tayer (his uncle). Godmother: Joice [Griffings?] Harris. He went with his parents to New England, settled in Braintree, Mass., married about 1646, Anne, and died in Braintree 9 August, 1692. "Aged near 70."

4) Ferdinando Tayer, born 18 April, 1625. Godfathers: Ferdinando Tayer (his father's cousin), William Tayer (his uncle). Godmother: Margarett King. Settled in Braintree, Mass., where he married 14 January, 1652-3 to Huldah Hayward and later settled in Mendon, Mass., where he died 28 March, 1713.

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(1) In her will dated 30 March, 1629, she left to Thomas and Ferdinando Tayer, *sons of Thomas Tayer, her son-in-law* 10s., and "*to* Thomas Tayer, *son of Thomas Tayer, her cousin*, all residue of goods and he sole executor." These must be of the family of Thomas and Margery Tayer whose descendants are unknown.

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5) Ursula Tayer, born 8 October, 1626. Godfather: Nicholas Tayer (her father's uncle). Godmothers: Ursula Tayer (her father's aunt), Elizabeth *Jones*. † 2 May, 1627.

6) _____ 3 December, 1627, a child buried not baptized.

7) Shadrach Tayer, born 9 May, 1629. Godfathers: John Alpas, John Pendock. Godmother: Katherine Tayer (his aunt). Settled in Braintree, Mass,. where he married 1 January, 1654-5, Mary Barrett and about 1661, Deliverance Priest, and died in Braintree 19 October, 1678.

8) Mary Tayer, born 24 June, 1630. Godfather: William Tayer, (her uncle). Godmother: Katherine Tayer (her aunt), Elizabeth *Moore*. Probably one of the "9 heads" of the family of Thomas Tayer in 1639.

9) _____ December, 1632, a child buried but not baptized.

10) Sara Tayer, born at New England, married to Jonathan Hayward 28 October, 1563, in Braintree.

11) Hannah Tayer, born at New England, married Samuel Hayden, in Braintree 28 October, 1664.

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Richard Tayer, tenth child of Richard and——[Dimery?] Tayer, married 5 April, 1624, to Dorothy Mortimore, a daughter of William Mortimer, of Thornbury. Dorothy Mortimer died 19 January, 1641.

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He emigrated to New England with all his family, and settled in Braintree, Mass., afterwards removing to Boston, Mass., where he married, soon after 15 July, 1646, Jane, widow of John Parker, of Boston (formerly of Marlborough, England), and presumably returned to England with his second wife and her children, soon after 17 October, 1656, where he died before 1668.

Children:

1) Richard Tayer, born 10 February, 1624-5. Godfathers: Richard Tayer and William Mortimore (his grandfathers). Godmother: Bridgett Seagar. Settled in Braintree, Mass., where he married 24 December, 1651, Dorothy Pray, and died there 27 August, 1695, "71."

2) Elizabeth Tayer, born 10 May, 1628. Godfather: William *Jones*. Godmother: Joice [*Griffings?*] Harrys. Margaret Byrde. No other record of her.

3) Deborah Tayer, born 4 February, 1629-30. Godfather: John *Purlyn*. Godmothers: Katharen *Dymery*, Sarah Thurston. † 16 March 1630-31.

4) Sara Tayer, born 9 February, 1631-2. Godfather: Thomas Tayer (her uncle). Godmothers: Agnes *Jones*, Katheryne [Tayer] Dawnee (her aunt), married in Boston, Mass., 20 July, 1651, Samuel Davis.

5) Jaell Tayer, born 2 June, 1633. Godfather: Richard *Dynmerie*. Godmothers: Katheryne [Tayer] Dawnee and Agnes Tayer (her aunts). Married in Braintree, Mass., 17 March, 1654, John Harbour, Jr., and died there 10 March, 1701.

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6) Deborah Tayer, born 27 March, 1633-4. Godfather: William *Jones*, John Busher. Godmother: Elizabeth Wenckel. Married in Braintree, Mass., 11 April, 1653, Thomas Faxon, Jr., and died there 31 May, 1662.

7) Zacaria Tayer, born 6 March, 1634-5. Godfathers: John Ford, William Banton [*Barton?*) Godmothers: Agnes White. Settled in Braintree, Mass., where he died, unmarried, 29 July, 1693.

8) Hester Tayer, born 24 November, 1636. Godfather: John *Dimery*. Godmothers: Alice Parker, Marie Tayer (her aunt). In 1695 was the wife of Joseph Gray, probably of Taunton, Mass.

9) Nathaniel Tayer, born 11 April, 1639. Godfathers: Thomas *Dymrie*, Edward *Dymrie* [Dymerie]. Godmother: Abigail *Purlene*. Settled in Boston, Mass., married about 1670, Deborah Townsend, and died in 1693.

10) Cornelius Tayer, born 10 December, 1640. Godfathers: Robert Thurston, Gyles Wheler. Godmother: Alice Hopkins *als* Seaborn. Settled in Wey mouth, Mass., where he died in 1663.

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William Tayer, twelfth child of Richard Tayer and——[Dimery?] Tayer, married 19 January, 1625-6 Mary Kellaway.

Children:

1) Jonathan Tayer, born 8 September, 1626. Godfathers· John *Callaway*, Thomas Tayer (his un-

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cle). Godmother: Dorothy [Mortimer] Tayer (the wife of Richard Tayer, his uncle). † 3 October 1626.

2) Marie Tayer, born 29 June, 1627. Godfather: Richard *Callaway*. Godmothers: Agnes Tayer (her aunt), Katherine Bruidwor. † 24 September, 1627.

3) Jonathan Tayer, born 15 January, 1628-9. Godfathers: Richard Tayer (his uncle), John Dinty [*Dimrye?*] Godmother: Alice L[ ]ker. 25 January, 1628-9.

4) John Tayer, born 14 August, 1631. Godfathers: John Dawniee (the husband of Katherine [Tayer] Dawnee, his aunt), John *Dymerie*. Godmother: Katherine Teakle. † 18 August, 1631.

5) Marie Tayer, born 16 September, 1632. Godfather Francis Mountayne. Godmothers: Ann Stadurd, Katheryne *Dymerie*.

6) Elizabeth Tayer, born 12 April, 1635. Godfather: William *Callaway*. Godmothers: Elizabeth *Dymerie*, Jaine *Callaway*.

7) Jonathan Tayer, born 27 December, 1637. Godfathers: Richard Tayer (his uncle), John *Dymery*. Godmother: Marie *Kelloway* (his grandmother?). † 16 February, 1642-3.

8) Nathaniel Tayer, born 10 May, 1640. Godfathers: Thomas *Dymerie*, William Hancock. Godmother: Elizabeth *Purlen*. Possibly this was the Nathaniel Tayer who settled at Taunton, Mass., before 1668.

9) Gabriel Tayer, born 22 April 22, 1644. Godfather: William *Callaway*, John Briggs. Godmother: Marie *Callaway*.

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John Tayer, second child of Edward and Katherine [Eddys] Tayer married to Sara [Mallet] Tayer, of Keynton, Thornbury, a sister of Nathaniel and Samuel Mallett. Will of his widow dated 20 January, 1670, proved 12 April, 1673.

Children are:

1) Bartholomew Tayer, born 19 August, 1621. Godfathers: John Curtys, gent., Thomas Parker(1). Godmother: Als *Eddys*. † 25 February, 1622-3.

2) John Tayer. He lived in 1683.

3) Sara Tayer.

4) Mary Tayer.

5) Elizabeth Tayer, born 17 April, 1630. Godfather: George Speck. Godmothers: Isabel *Mershe*, Agnes Tayer (her father's cousin).

6) Thomas Tayer, born 6 February, 1631-2. Godfathers: ——*Mershe*, Francis Tayer (his father's cousin). Godmother: Agnes Tayer.

7) Ann Tayer, born 12 November, 1633. Godfather: Richard Peasely. Godmothers: An Tayer (the widow of Thomas Tayer, his grandfather's brother) Elizabeth *Mershe*.

The six above mentioned in mother's will 1670.

8) Charles Tayer, born 26 November, 1635. Godfathers: Thomas Smithe (son-in-law of Thomas Tayer, his grand uncle), Thomas Pach. Godmother: Eliz. *Peaseley*. He died before 1656.

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(1) Katherine [Eddys] Tayer, was cousin of William and Edward Parker.

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9) Edee Tayer, born 16 November, 1637. Godfather: George Baker. Godmothers: Ann Tayer, Ann Hormes. She died before 1656.

10) Judith Tayer, born 15 May, 1640. Godfather: John Tayer (his father's cousin). Godmothers: Elizabeth *Peslie*, Jane Whitfield. She died before 5 March, 1683.

WITHOUT CONNECTION KNOWN

Agnes Tayer, a godmother, 1600.

Cicely Tayer, a godmother, 1592.

Joane Tayer, a godmother, 1628. (The widow of John Tayer?).

Johana Tawier, buried 4 May, 1576.

John Tayer, married Alice Vyzard, at Bristol, 29 April, 1622.—John Tayer's son?

Lewcey Tayer, a godfather, 1638.

Mabell Tayer, married to Christopher Grymer, 22 November, 1619.

Marie Taire, a grandmother, 1608.

Richard Tayer, married to Jane Solles, 29 June, 1640.

Susana Tayer, a godmother, 1626.

Symon Taire, a godfather, 1641.

NOTE.—The dates assigned to the births are those of the baptism entries, that being not always quite exact.

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ABSTRACTS OF WILLS RELATING TO THE TAYER (THAYER) FAMILY OF THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND

Communicated by Henry Ernest Woods, A. M.

Will of John Tayer of Thornbury, co. Gloucester, yeoman. Dated 31 December, 1600; proved March 1600 [-1]. To be buried at Thornbury. To 3 daughters Alice, Agnes and Evelyn (?) Tayer a messuage and tenement in Thornbury. To son John a gold ring. To wife Jone Tayer all goods and she Executrix. To mother Mary Cooke. To brother Thomas 3s 4d. To Mr. Manning, minister of Thornbury, 10s. Overseer: John Hilse, Senior, and appoints to be joined with him as overseers John Hilse, Junior, and brother Thomas Tayer, and to them 20d for their pains. Witnesses: John Manning, Thomas Tayer, John Hylse and Jo: Memorandum (after sealing will): To daughters Alice and Agnes Tayer £8, being £4 to each of them.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of Thomas Tawyer of Thornbury, gent. Dated 13 February, 1622; proved 20 May, 1623. To the parish church of Thornbury 6s 8d. To poor people of Thornbury and Kington 40s. Desires that Mr. Sprinte, minister at Thornbury, should preach 4 sermons on such texts of Holy Scriptures as he should appoint before his decease and at such times as he should mention, one at funeral and the other at intervals of a month, and to be paid 6s 8d for his trouble. To son Ferdinando and his heirs house, land and appurtenances at Thornbury, and failing issue, to son Francis and his heirs, and failing issue, to daughtar Elinor Smith and her heirs. To son Francis £40 and a signet ring. To son Ferdinando £70 and a gold ring. To daughter Elinor Smith 12d. To Frederick Badminton, son of daughter Elinor, £20. To Hanna Smith and Elinor* Smith, daughters of said Elinor Smith, £10 apiece. If wife should marry again, then to son Francis £50, to Frederick Badminton £20, and to Hanna and Hester* Smith

* The testator mentions Hanna and *Elinor* Smith the two daughters of Elinor Smith, but afterwards, in several places, he refers to Hanna and *Hester* Smith the two daughters of Elinor Smith. Probably the word Elinor, first used, was an error.

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£10. Due on Bond from Thomas Smith £100, this amount to be for the use of Frederick Badminton. To each of children various silver articles. All residue of goods to present wife Ann, who is to have use of all silver plate till her death or second marriage, and she to be Executrix, if she refuse, then sons Ferdinando and Francis to be executors. Overseers: William Rider, Richard Atwells, John Parker and John Champneys, gent., and sons Francis and Ferdinando Tawyer. Witnesses: John Baker, John Champneys, Francis Tawyer and Ferdinando Tawyer.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

WILL OF KATHERINE TAYER of Kington in the parish of Thornbury, co. Gloucester. Dated 21 January, 1656; proved 26 June, 1658, by the Executor named. To my daughter Anne [Annis] Barton, my best stuff gown, and one holland sheet which I bought of my father James Ellys [Eddys], and £20; she and her now husband giving a receipt in law to my executor. To my grandchildren John Tayer the younger, Thomas Tayer and Sara Tayer, £10 apiece. To my 4 grandchildren, viz: the 4 daughters of my son John Tayer, £5 apiece. To my 2 grandchildren Sarah Tayer and Mary Tayer, all my gloves, purses and silk girdles. 20 s to be laid out by my executor in smocks and aprons for my cousin Elizabeth Jaine. To my cousin Edward Parker 10s. To my cousin William Parker, if he shall be living at my death, and come in person to receive it, 10s. To every one of the sons and daughters of John Baker of Thornbury, gentleman, my kinsman, 12d. To Alice Eedes, wife of Henry Eedes, my market petticoat. To my godson Samuel Eedes 10s. To my late servant Marie White, now called Marie Syer, 40s. To my servant Martha Gawney 10s. Residuary legatee and executor: my son John Tayer. Overseers: John Baker aforesaid and Thomas Baker his eldest son. Witnesses: Jo: Baker, the marks of Judith Poynton and Mary Webb, Robert Thurston.—(*P. C. C., Wootton 476.*)

WILL OF SARA TAYER of Keynton, Thornbury, widow. Dated 20 January, 1670; proved 12 April, 1673. To son John Tayer a clock. To son Thomas Tayer a silver bowl that was his grandmother's. To two eldest daughters Sara and Mary £250 each to make up their portions left them by their grandmother. To daughter Elizabeth a lease of certain grounds called Bann-Marsh and 2 acres in Deep More in Ham, parish of Berkeley, under lease granted by George, Lord Berkeley. To 2 youngest daughters Ann and Judith lease of messuage and land at Rockhampton, held from Nathaniel Mallet, my brother. To said 3 daughters Elizabeth, Anne and Judith £50 apiece. To daughter-in-law 20s. To grandchild Elizabeth Tayer £5. To Elizabeth Jayne 40s. To son John Tayer

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all residue and he sole Executor. Overseers: brothers Nathaniel and Samuel Mallet and son Thomas Tayer, and to them 10s for their trouble. To Walter Webb 10s. Witnesses: Nathaniel Mallett, Samuel Mallett and Robert Thurstan.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

WILL OF ABELL WHELER† of Thornbury, tiller. Dated 26 February 1613; proved 24 January, 1614. To son William Wheller 6d. To daughter Elizabeth Wheller a brass pot. To daughter Margery Wheller sheets, etc. To son Giles Wheller goods. To daughters sheep and lambs to be divided by John Champneys and Thomas Barton. To wife Jane Wheller residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseers: Thomas Barton and John Champneys. Witnesses: Thomas Harborn and John Champneys.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

WILL OF JANE WELLER‡ of Thornbury. Dated 30 March, 1629; proved 1629, no date. To son Giles Wheller various goods that are in his possession. To son William Wheller 10s. To William Ogborne son of John Ogborne 10s. To Thomas Tayer and Ferdinando Tayer sons of Thomas Tayer, her son-in-law 10s. To daughter Elizabeth Ogborn 12d. To daughters Elizabeth Ogborn and Margery Tayer all wearing apparel. To Thomas Tayer son of Thomas Tayer, her cousin, all residue of goods and he sole Executor. Overseers: son Giles Wheller and son-in-law Thomas Tayer. Witnesses: Thomas Tayer, John Champneys and Giles Wheller.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

WILL OF JOHN MORTIMER of Morton, Thornbury, yeoman. Dated 19 July, 1615; proved November 1615. To be buried in the churchyard of Thornbury. To 2 sons William and Francis £10 apiece. To daughter Johane £10. To wife Johane all residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseer: Brother-in-law John Searche. Witnesses: Richard Warner, John Longe and John Searche, with others. Debts owing by testator: John Mallett of Bevington £4, William Webb of Shepperdine £5, John Pegler of Tortworth £8, Richard Warner of Faulfield 20s.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

WILL OF WILLIAM MORTIMER§ of Thornbury. Dated 31 August,

† Father of Margery who married, 13 April, 1618, Thomas Tayer the emigrant to New England.
‡ Mother of Margery who married Thomas Tayer.
§ Father of Dorothy who married, 5 Apr. 1624, Richard Tayer the emigrant to New England.

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1626; proved 9 September, 1626. To be buried in Thornbury churchyard near body of late wife Margaret. To Richard Tayer £5 and various articles. To grandchild Richard Tayer bed, etc. To daughter Dorothy 12d. To youngest daughter Agnes Mortimer all residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseers: Thomas Croome [or Broome] and Agnes Croome [or Broome] and for their pains 12d. Witnesses: Ric: Brafeild, William Jones and Francis Ogborne.—(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Mr. WILLIAM TURPIN THAYER

It is desired to know any notice of him, his ancestors and relations, and also every omission observed in the Thayer Family, by General *Bezaleel Thayer*. Apply: Thomas Thayer Ojeda, Santiago de Chile, casilla 1572.

Mr. William Turpin Thayer lived in 1797 at Boston, Mass., and carried in the upholstery business. He had also been associated with a brother-in-law in a grocery store, 18, Middle Street, the firm being *Brown & Thayer*. His mother and his brother lived, in that year, at some distance from Boston. He had likewise an uncle and an aunt living in that city in 1828, and a relative named Mr. William Turpin. Married to Ann Mary Brown, a daughter of Mr. William Brown, of Boston, and Ann [Boucher] Brown. Died about April 1806, and his widow, 6 July, 1819.

Children:

William Turpin Thayer, owner and master of the schooner *Yankee* came to Chile in 1826 and married at Talcahuano, April 1829, to Miss Carmen Garreton, with descent. Died in Peru about 1847.

Horatio Thayer, living in 1840.

Mary Ann Thayer died 6 July, 1819.

Edwin Thayer, born in Boston October 14, 1805, died 6 July, 1819.

Angelina Thayer, born October 14, 1805, married in New York, January 7, 1824. to Mr. Jothan William Post, M. D., of New York. She died May 26, 1890. Descendants known.

The Thayer Family of Brockworth, according to the researches of *Rev. Canon William Bazeley*, will be published shortly by Louis Thayer Ojeda.

It contains 28 abstracts of wills from 1542 to 1648 and references to 112 entries of the parish registers of Brockworth, Churchdown, Frocester and Stinchcombe, from 1559 and some other interesting notices.

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